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Gasoline Consumption Up 1.6%, Diesel Up 6.8% in Fourth Quarter 2013

Sacramento –California's gasoline consumption rose 1.6% in the fourth quarter 2013, according to data released today by California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton. This is the largest increase since 2004.

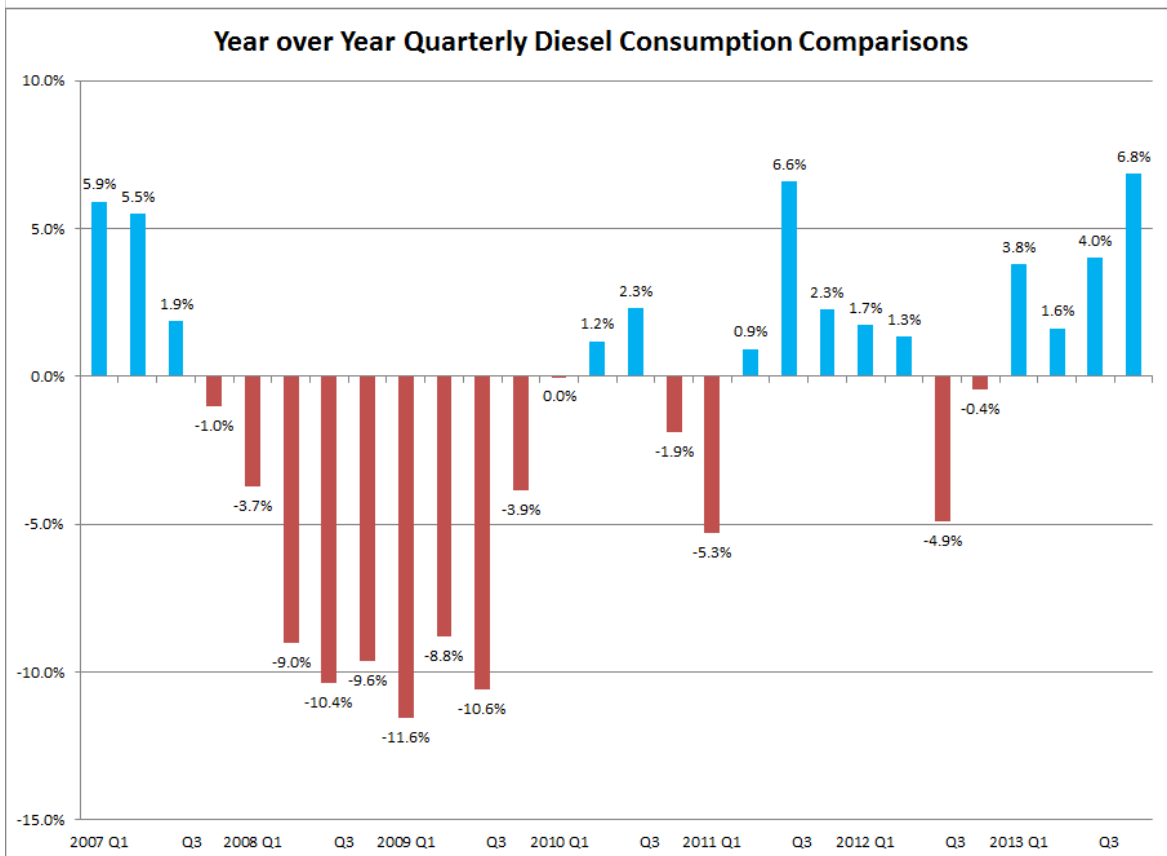
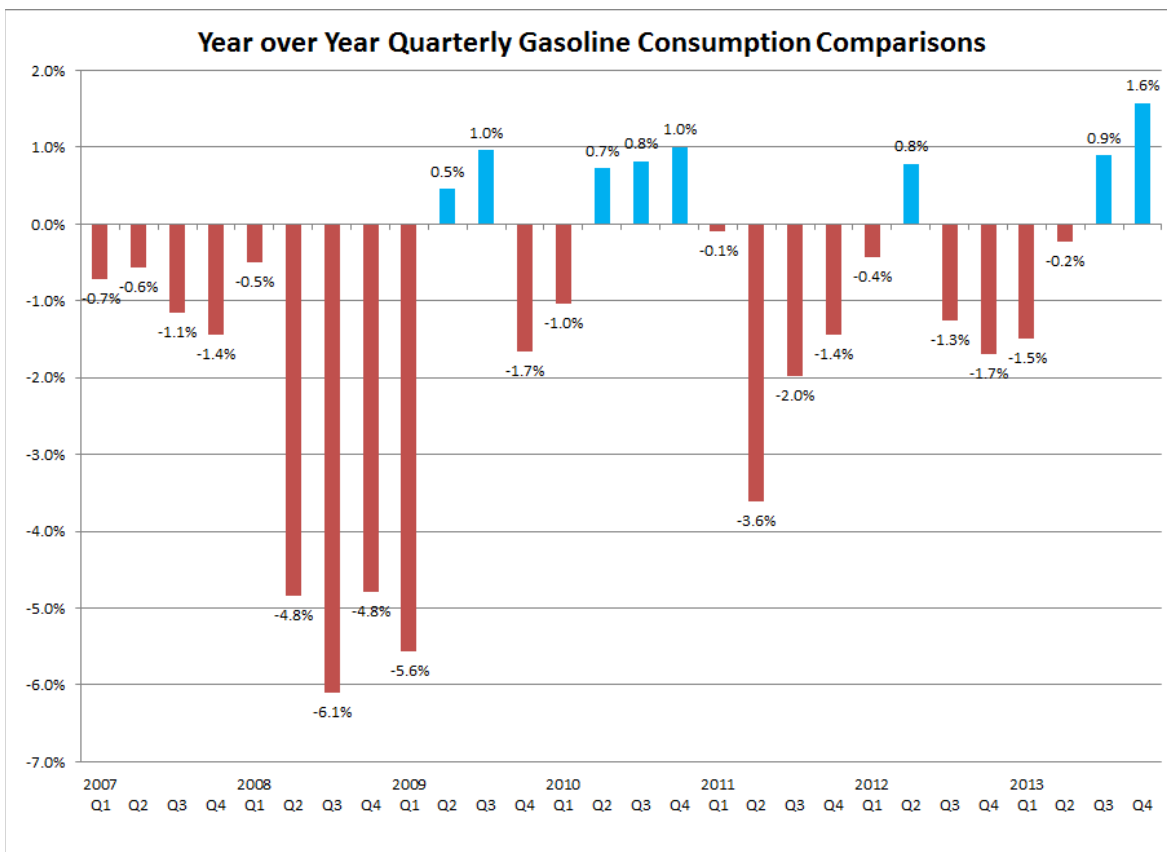
The increase in gasoline consumption likely reflects increases in employment and generally falling prices throughout most of the year. In calendar year 2013, gasoline consumption rose 0.2 percent, following two years of declines.


The BOE's [state taxable gasoline gallons report](#) reveals Californians consumed 3.631 billion gallons of gasoline in the fourth quarter, a 1.6 percent increase from 3.575 billion gallons used in a year over year comparison to the fourth quarter of last year. The average price of gasoline was \$3.70 per gallon in California during the fourth quarter, and nationally the average price of gasoline was \$3.37, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The BOE's [fuel revenues](#) show quarterly estimates of excise taxes and sales and use taxes associated with gasoline for the fourth quarter are \$381 million in sales taxes and \$1.4 billion in excise taxes.

Diesel consumption rose 6.8 percent in the fourth quarter, faster than any quarter since 2005. For calendar year 2013, diesel consumption increased 4.1%, reflecting increased movement of goods associated with an improving economy. The BOE's [state taxable diesel gallons report](#) shows California's diesel fuel consumption was 698 million gallons, compared to 653 million gallons during the fourth quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the fourth quarter was \$4.09 per gallon, and the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.87. The BOE's [fuel revenues](#) show quarterly estimates of excise taxes and sales and use taxes associated with diesel for the fourth quarter are \$245 million in sales taxes and \$81 million in excise taxes.

Editor's Note: The charts below compare year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.





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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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